

Hagley Bowls Club Newsletter

Summer 2025



What a brilliant Summer we have been enjoying!

*Long daylight hours, beautiful weather, and a fast green. The lack of rainfall has had an impact on the grass cover, though, so we have been reliant on our small group of volunteers to operate the water tractor over successive nights to deliver some much-needed moisture to the parched roots! All of this takes quite a bit of time and effort, so if you would like to lend a hand, with watering (and the other essential green maintenance tasks) Chris Alldritt would love to hear from you. With climate change, and the possibility of more hot, dry summers, we are researching how to improve our water collection/storage/distribution system, to keep the grass looking **greener** for longer.*

The Chase Inn Trophy, the knock-out competition organised again by John Meddings, is in full swing, with some of the earlier rounds producing brilliant match-ups, and even the odd, surprising result!

Those remaining in the competition are keen, not only to gain some "bragging rights", but also to get their hands on the Trophy, and the chance of a free meal courtesy of our supportive sponsor, and Honorary Vice-President, The Chase Inn landlord, Steve Banks.



Our newly formed Hagley Ladies' Team has joined the Stafford Ladies' League, playing their matches on Monday nights. Captain Julia Howlett is encouraging as many as possible of our lady bowlers to get involved. Their early enthusiasm has been matched by their skills, a notable coup being their winning of the Triples Competition - a brand new name on the Trophy after years of domination by Stafford-based teams! Well done to all!

[Pictured: Joyce, Ann, and Sue (and Roz!)]



Karen Alldritt has volunteered to act as our Health & Safety Officer, and will be involved with other Committee members in reviewing our current policies and practices. If you have any issues or concerns relating to H&S at the Club, please bring them to the attention of Karen or other Committee members ASAP



Three of our bowlers have entered the Midlands Masters Competition, with their qualifying matches due to be played on Wednesday evening, July 23rd. We don't yet know the venue, but we wish Rob Gibbon, Iain Brown and Neil Lloyd the very best of luck, pitting their skills against some of the best players in the Midlands.

Hagley Bowls Club now has around 85 members, a brilliant number! We look forward to welcoming as many as possible of our new members onto the green over the next couple of months.



Most of you are aware that the padlocks should remain in place on the main entrance gate, and on the clubhouse door once you have gained access. But would you please remember to "scramble" the combination when the locks have been placed back on their hasps?



Here's a little puzzle for you. What is wrong about this photo recently seen on the website of The Bowling Development Alliance, promoting our great sport? And not just the improbable age of the bowlers!

Answers, on a postcard, please, to the British Crown Green Bowling Association.....

A Note for your diary: our Charity Fundraiser is on Sunday, August 10th. Further details in due course

Please make sure that you make regular visits the club's website: <https://hagleybowls.wixsite.com/website>

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